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## Bulova Byline

The Monthly Newsletter from Chairman Bulova

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Washington Memorial  
Parkway, which runs  
along the river in  
Fairfax County from  
the 14th street bridge

April 2013

Greetings,

April is an action month! A lot is going on in April, and a lot is being planned for the warm months ahead. Here is a brief run-down of things for you to put on your Fairfax County calendar.

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### Budget Update

**April always means BUDGET to me!** Following County Executive Ed Long's release of his recommended Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, about thirteen community forums have provided opportunities for County residents and employees to learn about the advertised budget, ask questions and make recommendations. You can find a wealth of information about the County's budget by going to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>. You can also read for yourself the many (173) questions and comments received on-line during the community engagement process. Budget questions submitted by members of the Board of Supervisors can also be viewed at this site.

**Public Hearings (scheduled for April 9, 10 & 11)** before the Board of Supervisors mark the highlight of budget season. To testify: [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker\\_bos.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm) or call the Clerk to the BOS at 703.324.3151.

Changes will be made to the Advertised Budget at our Board Meeting on **April 23<sup>rd</sup> during Budget "Mark-up"**. You can watch this process live on cable channel 16 beginning at 10 a.m. or at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channell16/vod.htm>.

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to Washington's home at Mount Vernon, was built in 1932 to commemorate Washington's 200th birthday.

**In case you missed it...**

I delivered my **State of the County Address** in a new way this year.  
[Check it out!](#)

## **Capital Facilities & Debt Management Working Group**

Because of the intense interest in the County's **capital needs**, including the school systems' requirements to renovate older school facilities, I have established a **Capital Facilities & Debt Management Working Group** to focus specifically on this challenge. Three members of the Board of Supervisors and three members of the School Board have been appointed to serve in this effort. The first meeting of the Working Group took place April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The group is expected to continue its work through next year. All meetings will be advertised and are open for the public to observe.

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## **Transportation Update**

**A lot is happening on the transportation front.** Northern Virginia is home to some of our country's largest transportation improvement projects.

On Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the ribbon cutting to mark completion of the **I-95/495 Telegraph Road intersection**, the final piece of the **Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project**. Completion of this interchange and the Beltway widening project are important steps in improving our overall local highway network for Virginia's commuters.

By the end of this year, Fairfax County will see service begin on **Phase 1 of the Dulles Rail Silver Line Project in Tysons Corner**. With issues resolved among Fairfax, MWAA and Loudoun, and with \$300 million in new state funding to help keep tolls in the Dulles Toll Road affordable, work will soon begin on **Phase II** which will extend the Silver Line to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County. Included are new stations at Reston Town Center, Herndon, Innovation Center, Dulles Airport, Route 606, and Route 772.

Five teams have been selected to compete for this contract. Bids are scheduled to be opened at 2 p.m. on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Once bids are opened, additional procurement process steps will include the submission of a technical plan and pricing. The final award will be made to the offeror submitting an acceptable technical proposal

and lowest price. **An award is anticipated in May.** Completion of construction for Phase II is anticipated in 2018.

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### **Transportation Event**

**Transportation will be the subject of an event I am hosting on June 12<sup>th</sup>.** Along the same line as last year's Evolution of Fairfax, this program, **The Evolution of Transportation**, will trace the development of roads and public transportation all the way back to early buffalo trails. I am keeping my fingers crossed that U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood will be available to provide an overview of this country's current transportation challenges and opportunities. We will then finish up with some contemplation about what the future will hold for us. What will vehicles be like? How will technology change the nature of the workplace?

I hope you will keep this evening free for what I expect will be a fascinating look at transportation - past, present and future. **Evolution** will take place at the exciting Angelika Film Center in the Mosaic at Merrifield at 7:30 p.m., an attractive example of a still evolving area of new, urban, transit-oriented mixed use.

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### **Springfest 2013**

**Several fun things are on our warm weather horizon.** First up is Fairfax County's official **Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration - Springfest - on April 27th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Our celebration this year will be held at The Workhouse Art Center in Lorton right off of Route 123 just 10 miles south of George Mason University. The day will feature free pony rides and lots of children's activities including a rock climbing wall, petting zoo and the famous Billy B. Come hungry! In addition to foods children will love, Springfest will also mark the kickoff of Farmers' Market season with fresh produce and baked goods! This is going to be a lot of fun and I look forward to seeing you there!

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### Evenings on the Ellipse Concert Series

My office has already lined up some great talent for our new **summer evening concert series, *Evenings on the Ellipse***. Concerts will take place every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. throughout July and August in the beautiful "backyard" of the Fairfax County Government Center. Concerts are designed for employees and County residents who wish to celebrate the end of the day in Wolf Trap-esque style. If you like music, and enjoy spending time with family, co-workers, neighbors and friends you will love this free concert series. A special treat will be **wine-tastings!**

**There's more!** See inside this issue of the Byline for information about volunteer opportunities and about Fairfax County's efforts to end homelessness. See also information about an exciting study abroad opportunity for George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College students through Fairfax County's Sister City Kecioren, in Ankara, Turkey.

Thanks so much for keeping up-to-date through this Byline. I look forward to seeing you and working with you during the months ahead!

Sincerely,

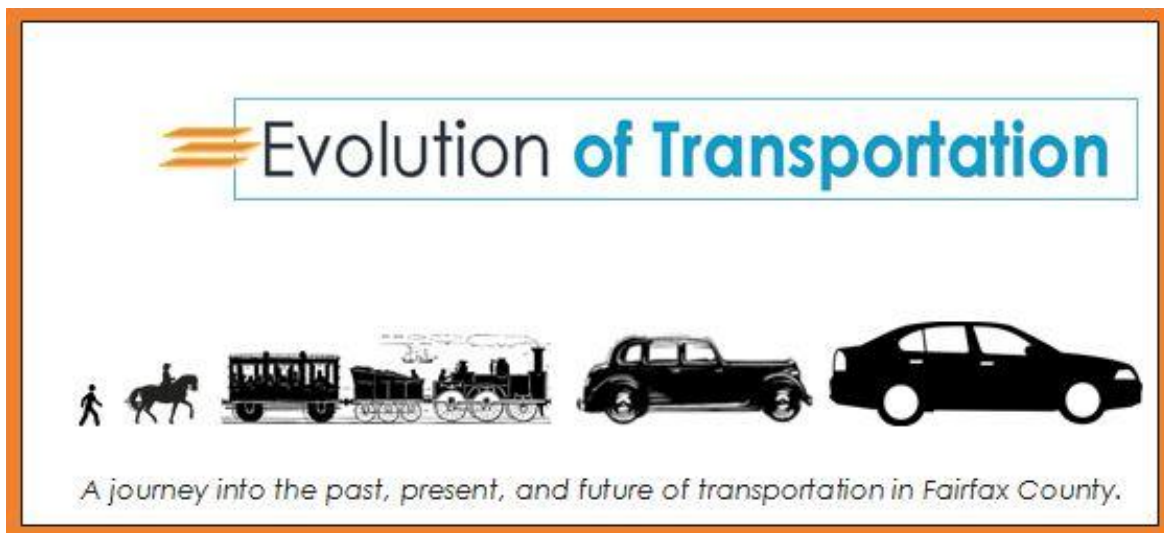


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## Evolution of Transportation Event



Please save this date for the **Evolution of Transportation** event I will be hosting this summer!

**What:** A two hour event exploring how transportation in Fairfax County has evolved from buffalo trails and dirt roads to a complex network of rail, highways, and airports.

**Where:** Angelika Film Center at the Mosaic in Merrifield, 2911 District Ave, Fairfax, VA 22031

**When:** Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

\*Admission is free and the event is open to all those interested in attending. More information to follow in my next Byline.

*Questions? Contact my office at 703.324.2321.*

## Preventing and Ending Homelessness in Fairfax County



**2013 Point-in-Time Count of Persons Who Were Homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community and 100,000 Homes Campaign**

The annual point-in-time (PIT) count of persons who were homeless was conducted on January 30, 2013. The number of persons who were literally homeless - those who are in shelters, in time-limited transitional housing programs, or unsheltered and living on the street - in the Fairfax-Falls Church community decrease by twelve percent compared to the 2012 count. Since 2007 there has been a 26 percent reduction in the number of people counted as homeless, from 1,813 people in 2007 to 1,350 in 2013.

During the 100,000 Homes Campaign Registry Week, which began on February 23, 2013, a total of 461 chronically homeless individuals were surveyed. It was determined that thirty-four percent were vulnerable or at high risk of mortality. The goal of Registry Week was to identify the most vulnerable, chronically homeless individuals and hear their personal stories, which will help the community in making important decisions about how to prioritize and allocate housing and support services.

Additional details on the 2013 PIT and the 100,000 Homes Campaign Registry Week are available through the County's website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless).

## Fairfax Connector Bus Update

2013 is shaping up to be a very exciting year for transit systems in the County. Regular Byline readers may recall that the January and February issues featured the new Express Connector service, which offers a quick, limited stop bus ride from the Burke Centre VRE to Tysons. I am pleased to report that two new Express Connector routes have been added: one route will run from the Lorton VRE and Saratoga Park and Ride to Tysons and the other will run from the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station and Greater Springfield to Tysons. This is a great time to try the new Express Connector routes - an introductory free ride period will be in effect until April 12. For a complete schedule and fare information please visit [the Express Connector website](#).



The other big news for Fairfax Connector is that county staff have compiled the comments they received about the bus service changes which will support the nascent Metro Silver Line and they have revised the proposed service plans to reflect the community's suggestions and concerns. The revised Dulles Rail Bus Service Plan can be viewed online [here](#), along with dates and times for a second round of public meetings on the revised plan. The final plan will be implemented in late 2013 alongside the new rail service. The changes will affect a large area of the county. Altogether, these changes are the biggest in the history of



Connector service, so I would encourage you to review the plans and see what new transit opportunities may be available to you.

## Fairfax County Ranked Healthiest County in Virginia

Fairfax County was recently ranked overall the healthiest county in the state according to a recent report. The rankings were released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin and states that only seven percent of Fairfax County residents report poor or fair health. The *County Health Rankings* scores the overall health of every locality in all 50 states using a standard method to measure how healthy people are and how long they live. The health of localities was ranked on two sets of measures: health outcomes (length and quality of life); and weighted health factors (health behaviors, access to and quality of medical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment). The combined efforts of our residents, business community, the Fairfax County Health Department, health care providers, community leaders, and our County Government continue to transform our community into a place where everyone may lead healthier and more productive lives. For more information on the study conducted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin, visit <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/our-approach/health-outcomes>.



## Turkish Exchange Program



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Community College

George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College are developing a partnership with Turgut Ozal University in Ankara, Turkey to provide a rich cultural experience for students in Fairfax County. If selected, students will travel to Turkey to study local art, the emergence of international organizations in Eurasia, and will have opportunities to see the impressive sites in the country. These attractions include the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, Cappadocia and other extraordinary places. Tuition, housing, meals and transportation will be paid for by the Kecioren Municipality, the American Turkish Friendship Association and Turgut Ozal University. Selected students will be responsible for their own airfare. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.myvisp.org/>.

## Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout the month of April, nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, many different organizations are working to raise awareness in the community around the critical issue of child abuse and neglect and to educate the public on prevention. Community support is crucial to the prevention of child abuse as abuse is a community problem. By working together, we can stamp out child abuse cases in our community.

**If you need help or suspect abuse, please speak up for a child by calling the Fairfax County Hotline 703-324-7400.**

**Did you know?**

- Child abuse and neglect is reported on average every ten seconds
- Fairfax County had over 2,000 cases of alleged abuse last year
- One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually assaulted before the age of 18
- 90 percent of child abuse victims know the perpetrator

**Get Involved:**

Saturday, April 13 - Champions4Children 5K Race/Walk at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston. The race will raise funds to re-establish a children's advocacy center called SafeSpot, a safe child-friendly center to help children who have suffered abuse. To register or for more information, visit [www.SafeSpotFairfax.org](http://www.SafeSpotFairfax.org)

Friday, April 19 - Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect (HACAN) will host a breakfast at the Mason District Government Center in Annandale, Virginia. Visit [www.hacan.org](http://www.hacan.org)

Sunday, April 21 - A 5K walk and candlelight vigil sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Fairfax Corner as part of the National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

## Fairfax County Volunteer Opportunities

**Please considering donating your time to one of these programs/events:**

Fairfax County needs volunteer drivers to transport older adults to free health and wellness workshops. For more information contact [trina.mayhan-webb@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:trina.mayhan-webb@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-5406, TTY 711. Find more ways to help older adults in Fairfax County at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices) and click on *Volunteers*.



**Fairfax County's Free Caregiver Telephone Support Groups** is the second Tuesday of each month. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 or go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices) and click on *Caregiving*.

**Fairfax County Free 2013 Family Caregiver Seminars** help family caregivers of older adults and adults with a disability manage the day-to-day issues. Register by emailing [Caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov), calling 703-324-5205, TTY 711 or going to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices) and clicking on *Caregiver Support*.

## Asian Art and Culture Day at the Workhouse



The Workhouse Arts Center presents **Asian Art and Culture Day at the Workhouse, National Cherry Blossom Festival 2013**. This is the Workhouse's 3rd annual National Cherry Blossom Festival event. The event will take place from 11am - 4pm, Saturday, April 6th. The day will feature demonstrations, performances, participatory workshops, presentations and exhibitions featuring Asian art and culture. Presenters include Japan-America Society of Washington DC, George Mason University, Workhouse Artists and Ikebana International. All activities are FREE. The Workhouse is located at 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079. (703) 584-2900.

<http://workhousearts.org/events/general-events/asian-art-and-culture-day-national-cherry-blossom-festival-2013>

## Cox & VCTA to award \$100,000 in Scholarship Funds

If you know a student with a compelling story or if you are that student this is an opportunity for you! Cox Communications and the Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association (VCTA) have announced the 2013 Virginia's Future Leaders Scholarship Program. In partnership with the Donald A. Perry Foundation, \$100,000 will be awarded to outstanding Virginia students attending Virginia colleges and universities across the Commonwealth.

Interested applicants should visit the VCTA website at [www.vcta.com](http://www.vcta.com) or call (804) 780-1776 for application and rules. **The deadline to apply is April 25, 2013.**

